

## Blanchard, Deborah

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** JudTestimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Lavielle, Gail  
**Subject:** HB 5469 - Please Support

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

In the Wilton bear killing incident last year, two individuals were arrested for killing two black bears on private property in Wilton, and the taking of parts of the bears home as trophies. The individual charged with killing the bears received accelerated rehabilitation, and, if completed successfully, current law will allow him to expunge the charge from his record.

HB 5469, submitted by Representative Gail Lavielle, will increase the penalties for bear hunting. In my opinion, the current penalties are NOT adequate punishment for the inhumane, illegal killing of these wild animals. Nor are the current laws sufficient to act as a deterrent. This bill aims to be more effective in preventing people from breaking the law, and to impose penalties that are commensurate with the offense."

Please support and pass this important bill.

Respectfully,

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